

1954.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 35.

THURSDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 1954.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable A. G. Cameron) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MEMBER NAMED AND SUSPENDED.—Mr. Speaker named the honorable Member for Reid (Mr. Morgan) for disregarding the authority of the Chair.

Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That the honorable Member for Reid be suspended from the service of the House.

Question—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

Ayes, 56.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Townley
Mr. Allan	Mr. Dean	Mr. Holt	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Howse	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turner
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bland	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. McMahan	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Joske	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brand	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Francis	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Osborne	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Brown	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Leslie	Sir E. Page	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Mr. Hamilton	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Pearce	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Casey	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Luck	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Gullett
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Timson	

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Mr. Anderson	Mr. Clark	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Makin	Mr. Ward
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Crean	Mr. E. James	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bird	Mr. Cremean	Harrison	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Drakeford	Mr. Haylen	Mr. Mullens	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Bryson	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. James	Mr. O'Connor	
Mr. T. P. Burke	Mr. Evatt	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Peters	Mr. Daly
Mr. Calwell	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Riordan	Mr. Sheehan
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Russell	
Mr. Chambers	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Stewart	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honorable Member was, therefore, suspended at seventeen minutes to eleven o'clock a.m. for twenty-four hours, under Standing Order No. 302, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

3. NOTICE OF MOTION—LEAVE TO GIVE NOT GRANTED.—Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) asked leave of the House to give a Notice of Motion.
Objection being raised, leave not granted.
4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Works—V. L. Sykes.
Repatriation Act—War Pensions Entitlement Appeal Tribunal No. 3—Report for period ended 30th June, 1954.
5. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:—
27th October, 1954—*Message*—
No. 29—Commonwealth Aid Roads 1954.
No. 30—Flags 1954.
6. ALTERATION OF HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until half-past three o'clock p.m. on Tuesday next.
Question—put and passed.

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7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—FLAX FIBRE BOUNTY BILL 1954.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General:—

W. J. SLIM,
Governor-General.

Message No. 17.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Production of Flax Fibre.

Canberra, 26th October, 1954.

Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith. Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Sir Eric Harrison (Minister representing the Acting Minister for Trade and Customs) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act to provide for the Payment of a Bounty on the Production of Flax Fibre.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Sir Eric Harrison moved, pursuant to contingent notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the remaining stages being passed without delay.

Question—put and passed.

On the motion of Sir Eric Harrison, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Sir Eric Harrison and Mr. Francis do prepare and bring in a Bill to carry out the foregoing Resolution.

Sir Eric Harrison then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Sir Eric Harrison moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. A. D. Fraser), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, That Order of the Day No. 1, Government Business, be postponed until a later hour this day.

Debate ensued.

Mr. James rising to address the House—

Closure.—Sir Eric Harrison moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 53.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Mr. Holt	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Timson
Mr. Allan	Mr. Dean	Mr. Howse	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Townley
Mr. Bate	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hulme	Mr. McColm	Mr. Turnbull
Mr. Beale	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Jack	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Joske	Mr. McMahan	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Brand	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Osborne	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brown	Mr. Francis	Mr. Leslie	Sir E. Page	
Mr. D. A. Cameron	Sir E. Harrison	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Pearce	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Casey	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Luck	Mr. Robertson	Mr. Davidson
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Swartz	Mr. Gullett

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Mr. Anderson	Mr. Chambers	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Peters
Mr. Andrews	Mr. Clark	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Joshua	Mr. Riordan
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Coutts	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Keon	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Bird	Mr. Crean	Mr. Greenup	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Bruce	Mr. Cremean	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. Lemmon	Mr. Ward
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Mr. Calwell	Mr. Edmonds	Mr. Haylen	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Daly
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. James	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Sheehan

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the question—That the motion be agreed to—was put accordingly, and passed.

9. WHEAT INDUSTRY STABILIZATION BILL 1954.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1—

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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10. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL—WHEAT INDUSTRY STABILIZATION BILL 1954.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General :—

W. J. SLIM,

Governor-General.

Message No. 18.

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to the Stabilization of the Wheat Industry.

Canberra, 20th October, 1954.

Ordered—That the Message be taken into consideration, in Committee of the whole House, forthwith. Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Sir Philip McBride (Minister representing the Acting Minister for Commerce and Agriculture) moved, That it is expedient that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for an Act relating to the Stabilization of the Wheat Industry.

Question—put and passed.

Resolution to be reported.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Philip McBride, the Resolution reported from the Committee was adopted by the House.

11. WHEAT INDUSTRY STABILIZATION BILL 1954.—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Philip McBride (Minister representing the Acting Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

12. WHEAT EXPORT CHARGE BILL 1954.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Sir Philip McBride (Minister representing the Acting Minister for Commerce and Agriculture), the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

13. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—A Message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment :—
28th October, 1954—*Message No. 31*—Northern Territory (Lessees' Loans Guarantee) 1954.

14. WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL 1954.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Debate adjourned (Mr. J. R. Fraser), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

15. WAYS AND MEANS—CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 2) AND EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 2).—
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Sir Eric Harrison (Minister representing the Acting Minister for Trade and Customs) moved—

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT (NO. 2).

1. That the Schedule to the *Customs Tariff* 1933-1954, as proposed to be amended by Customs Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the eighteenth day of August, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-four, be further amended as hereinafter

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set out, and that on and after the twenty-ninth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-four, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Customs be collected in pursuance of the *Customs Tariff* 1933-1954 as so amended.

2. That, without prejudice to the generality of paragraph 1 of these Proposals, the Governor-General may, from time to time by Proclamation declare that, from a time and date specified in the Proclamation, the Intermediate Tariff shall apply to such goods specified in the Proclamation as are the produce or manufacture of any British or foreign country specified in the Proclamation.

3. That on and after the time and date specified in a Proclamation issued in accordance with the last preceding paragraph, the Intermediate Tariff shall apply to such goods specified in the Proclamation as are the produce or manufacture of a British or foreign country specified in that Proclamation.

4. That any Proclamation issued in accordance with paragraph 2 of these Proposals may, from time to time, be revoked or varied by a further Proclamation, and upon the revocation or variation of the Proclamation, the Intermediate Tariff shall cease to apply to the goods specified in the Proclamation so revoked, or, as the case may be, the application of the Intermediate Tariff to the goods specified in the Proclamation so varied, shall be varied accordingly.

5. That the Minister of State for Trade and Customs may, from time to time, upon receipt of a report from the Tariff Board on the question whether a deferred duty should or should not operate on and after the date to which it has been deferred, by notice published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* defer the duty to such date as is specified in the notice.

6. That in these Proposals, unless the contrary intention appears—

“deferred duty” mean a duty which, in relation to any goods, is expressly described in the Schedule to these Proposals as a deferred duty ;

“Proclamation” mean a Proclamation by the Governor-General, or the person for the time being administering the government of the Commonwealth, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, and published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* ;

“the Intermediate Tariff” mean the rates of duty set out in the Schedule to these Proposals, in the column headed “Intermediate Tariff”, in respect of goods in relation to which the expression is used ;

“the Tariff Board” mean the Tariff Board appointed in pursuance of the *Tariff Board Act* 1921-1953.

IMPORT DUTIES.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
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DIVISION V.—TEXTILES, FELTS AND FURS, AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND ATTIRE.

105. By inserting after “and (F)” in sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (1) of sub-item (D) the following :—“and in Item 122 (D) (5)”.

122. By omitting the whole of sub-item (D) (twice occurring) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :—

“(D) Goods of the type ordinarily used in the manufacture of pneumatic rubber tyres, viz. :—

(1) Cotton tyre cord - - - per lb. and ad val.	4d. 12½ per cent.	4d. 30 per cent.	4d. 35 per cent.
(2) Cotton cord tyre fabric in the piece, being loosely woven or consisting of a number of lengths of cotton cord loosely held together by weft threads inserted at intervals - - - per lb. and ad val.	4d. 12½ per cent.	4d. 30 per cent.	4d. 35 per cent.
(3) Viscose rayon tyre yarn - - - per lb.	7½d.	1s. 3d.	1s. 7d.
(4) Viscose rayon tyre cord - - - per lb.	9d.	2s. 3d.	2s. 9d.
(5) Viscose rayon cord tyre fabric in the piece, being loosely woven or consisting of a number of lengths of viscose rayon cord loosely held together by weft threads inserted at intervals - - - per lb.	9d.	1s.	1s. 6d.”

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IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
DIVISION VI.—METALS AND MACHINERY.			
176. By omitting the whole of paragraph (1) of sub-item (c) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “(1) Drills, hand or breast, hand-operated - ad val.	22½ per cent.	37½ per cent.	50 per cent.”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (z) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(z) Chain hoists and chain pulley blocks, viz. :— (1) Spur gear - - - - ad val. (2) Other - - - - ad val.	20 per cent. Free	35 per cent. 12½ per cent.	40 per cent. 12½ per cent.”
197. By omitting the whole of paragraph (2) of sub-item (b) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “(2) Cutlery spoons and forks, n.e.i. - ad val.	5 per cent.	27½ per cent.	27½ per cent.”
By adding a new sub-item (d) as follows :— “(d) Forged table, dessert and grill or steak knives, whether imported separately or otherwise ad val.	25 per cent.	42½ per cent.	42½ per cent.”
By adding a new sub-item (e) as follows :— “(e) Knife sharpeners, viz. :— (1) Forged carving steels, whether imported separately or otherwise - ad val. and in respect of paragraph (1)—a deferred duty as follows :— on and after 1st January, 1955 (1) Forged carving steels, whether imported separately or otherwise - ad val. (2) Other - - - - ad val.	5 per cent. 25 per cent. 5 per cent.	27½ per cent. 42½ per cent. 27½ per cent.	27½ per cent. 42½ per cent. 27½ per cent.”
By adding a new sub-item (f) as follows :— “(f) Forged carving knives and forks, whether imported separately or otherwise - ad val. and in respect of sub-item (f)—a deferred duty as follows :— on and after 1st January, 1955 (f) Forged carving knives and forks, whether imported separately or otherwise - ad val.	5 per cent. 25 per cent.	27½ per cent. 42½ per cent.	27½ per cent. 42½ per cent.”
210. By omitting the whole of sub-item (b) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(b) When not in fancy boxes— (1) Plain safety pins - - - - ad val. (2) Other than plain safety pins - ad val.	20 per cent. Free	32½ per cent. 12½ per cent.	40 per cent. 12½ per cent.”
219. By omitting the whole of sub-item (g) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “(g) Carpenters' braces - - - - ad val.	27½ per cent.	35 per cent.	47½ per cent.”
DIVISION VII.—OILS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES.			
229. By inserting after “distillation” in paragraph (2) of sub-item (b) the following :— “cracking or other similar processes”.			
By adding to sub-item (b) a new paragraph (8) as follows :— “(8) Heavy distillate for use in the production of petroleum products other than mineral lubricating oils, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws -	Free	Free	Free”
DIVISION IX.—DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.			
280. By adding a new sub-item (f) as follows :— “(f) Methyl chloride - - - - per lb.	8d.	10d.	10d.”
DIVISION XI.—JEWELLERY AND FANCY GOODS.			
318. By omitting the whole of sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (4) of sub-item (A). By omitting the whole of paragraph (2) of sub-item (b) and inserting in its stead the following paragraph :— “(2) Parts for wristlet watches n.e.i., whether imported separately or incorporated in or forming part of complete wristlet watches, viz. :— (a) Cases - - - - each or ad val. whichever rate returns the higher duty. (b) Movements— (1) For insertion in Australian-made cases, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws - ad val. (2) Other - - - - ad val.	4s. 27½ per cent. 20 per cent. 27½ per cent.	5s. 45 per cent. 37½ per cent. 45 per cent.	5s. 45 per cent. 37½ per cent. 45 per cent.”
320. By adding to sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (2) of sub-item (c) a new clause (4) as follows :— “(4) Produced especially for viewing by children, as prescribed by Departmental By-laws -	Free	Free	Free”

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IMPORT DUTIES—continued.

Tariff Items.	British Preferential Tariff.	Intermediate Tariff.	General Tariff.
DIVISION XIII.—PAPER AND STATIONERY.			
334. By omitting from sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1) of sub-item (a) the following :— “ ; lithographic printing paper ”.			
By adding to sub-item (a) a new paragraph (4) as follows :— “ (4) M.G. litho, M.G. poster and all other M.G. printing papers— (a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws per ton (b) Other - - - - - per ton	Free £19	£4 £21	£4 £21 ”
By omitting the whole of sub-item (w) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (w) (1) Litmus paper irrespective of size or shape ad val. (2) Filter paper irrespective of size, shape or weight— (a) Asbestos or containing asbestos ad val. (b) Other - - - - - ad val.	Free 15 per cent. Free	12½ per cent. 27½ per cent. 12½ per cent.	12½ per cent. 27½ per cent. 12½ per cent.”
DIVISION XVI.—MISCELLANEOUS.			
369. By adding to sub-item (c) a new paragraph (6) as follows :— “ (6) Of the styrene type, in any polymerized or copolymerized form— (a) As prescribed by Departmental By-laws (b) Other - - - - - ad val.	Free 7½ per cent.	Free 20 per cent.	Free 20 per cent.”
By adding to sub-item (v) a new paragraph (6) as follows :— “ (6) Of the styrene type, in any polymerized or copolymerized form - - - - - ad val.	7½ per cent.	20 per cent.	20 per cent.”
By adding to paragraph (1) of sub-item (r) a new sub-paragraph (f) as follows :— “ (f) Of the styrene type, in any polymerized or copolymerized form - - - - - ad val.	Free	12½ per cent.	12½ per cent.”
392. By omitting the whole of sub-item (a) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (a) Artificial silk, other than viscose rayon covered by Item 122 (v) (3) - - - - - ad val.	Free	12½ per cent.	15 per cent.”

EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT (No. 2).

That the Schedule to the *Excise Tariff* 1921-1953, as proposed to be amended by Excise Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on the eighteenth day of August, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-four, be further amended as hereinafter set out, and that on and after the twenty-ninth day of October, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-four, at five o'clock in the forenoon, reckoned according to standard time in the Australian Capital Territory, Duties of Excise be collected in pursuance of the *Excise Tariff* 1921-1953 as so amended.

EXCISE DUTIES.

Articles.	Rate of Duty.
2. By omitting the whole of sub-item (r) and inserting in its stead the following sub-item :— “ (r) Spirit for scientific or educational purposes, subject to Regulations— (1) For use in Universities - - - - - (2) For use in approved Technical Colleges or other educational institutions prescribed by Departmental By-laws - - - - -	Free Free ”

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed ; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, at a later hour this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

16. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Tariff Board—Reports—
Alkali, Chlorine and Chlorine Products.
Cotton Tyre Cord, Cotton Cord Fabric and Cotton Tyre Fabric.
Cutlery.
Films for Children.
Filter Paper.
Hand and Breast Drills and Carpenters' Braces.

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Petroleum Products.
Polystyrene.
Rayon Tyre Yarn, Rayon Tyre Cord and Rayon Tyre Fabric.
Safety Pins.
Vitreous Enamels.
Wristlet Watch Cases.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

17. WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL 1954.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.
Debate adjourned (Mr. Daly), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

18. LEIGH CREEK NORTH COALFIELD TO MARREE (CONVERSION TO STANDARD GAUGE) RAILWAY BILL 1954.—Mr. Townley (Minister representing the Minister for Shipping and Transport) moved, by leave, That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for the conversion to Standard Gauge of the Railway from Leigh Creek North Coalfield to Marree in the State of South Australia, and for purposes connected therewith.

Question—put and passed.

Mr. Townley then brought up the Bill accordingly, and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Townley moved, by leave, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Chambers), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

19. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment :—

28th October, 1954—*Message*—

No. 32—Loan (Housing) 1954.

No. 33—Loan (War Service Land Settlement) 1954.

20. WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL 1954.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.

Mr. Cramer was granted leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Debate adjourned, and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for a later hour this day.

21. POSTPONEMENT OF BUSINESS.—Ordered—That the intervening business be postponed until after Notice of Motion No. 1, General Business.

22. EXTENDED TIME FOR SPEECHES.—Sir Eric Harrison (Vice-President of the Executive Council) moved, by leave, That the maximum period for which the Mover (Mr. Evatt) and Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) may each speak on the motion to print the Interim Report of the Royal Commission on Espionage shall not exceed 40 minutes with no extension of time.

Question—put and passed.

23. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.—Notice of Motion No. 1, General Business, having been called on—Mr. Speaker stated certain views regarding the appearance of Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) as Counsel before the Royal Commission on Espionage and his position as a Member of this House in discussing in the House reports or matters arising out of proceedings during his appearances before the Commission.

Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) then moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the Right Honorable the Leader of the Opposition from proceeding with his motion.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed, with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

24. ROYAL COMMISSION ON ESPIONAGE—INTERIM REPORT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—Mr. Evatt (Leader of the Opposition) moved, pursuant to notice, That the following Paper, laid on the Table of the House on the 26th October, be printed :—Royal Commission on Espionage—Interim Report, dated 21st October, 1954.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister) moved, That he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed and that the debate be now adjourned and made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

Question—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Mr. A. G. Cameron, in the Chair)—

AYES, 52.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davis	Mr. Hasluck	Sir P. McBride	Mr. Timson
Mr. Allan	Mr. Dean	Mr. Haworth	Mr. McColm	Mr. Townley
Mr. Beale	Mr. Downer	Mr. Holt	Mr. McLeay	Mr. Turner
Mr. Bland	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Howse	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wentworth
Mr. Bowden	Mr. Failes	Mr. Hulme	Mr. Menzies	Mr. Wheeler
Mr. Brand	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Kent Hughes	Mr. Opperman	Mr. Wight
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. Falkinder	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Osborne	
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Mr. Anderson	Mr. Coutts	NOES, 39.	Mr. Keon	Mr. Ward
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Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. James	Mr. Russell	
Mr. Costa	Mr. A. D. Fraser	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Thompson	
		Mr. Joshua		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

25. WAR SERVICE HOMES BILL 1954.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to, after debate.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Adermann reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. McMahon (Minister for Social Services), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

26. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:—

28th October, 1954—*Message*—

No. 34—Hide and Leather Industries Act Suspension 1954.

No. 35—Public Service 1954.

27. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Social Services) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fifteen minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Anthony, Mr. Beazley*, Mr. Bostock, Mr. Clarey, Mr. Davies*, Mr. Drury, Sir Arthur Fadden, Mr. Fairhall, Mr. McEwen, Mr. Minogue, Mr. Pollard and Mr. Whitlam.

* On leave.

F. C. GREEN,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.